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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO'S TOAST AT LENIN HILLS

GUEST HOUSE APRIL 20, 1978

FOR S/PRS AND PA: DEPARTMENT PASS FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI  
AND WHITE HOUSE FOR MR. POWELL: USICA FOR EU, PGM/PE

FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF TOAST  
GIVEN BY FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO. GROMYKO GAVE TOAST  
IN RUSSINA. IT WAS TRANSLATED BY VIKTOR SUKHARADREV.

THIS WILL EITHER BE THE LONGEST OR THE SHORTEST TOAST I  
HAVE MADE SO FAR THIS YEAR. I SHOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE  
THAT WE ALL RAISE OUR GLASSES TO THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF  
THESE TALKS THAT HAVE STARTED TODAY HERE IN MOSCOW ON A  
QUESTION OF EXCEPTIONAL IMPORTANCE -- THE QUESTION OF  
THE POSSIBILITY OF CONCLUDING A SECOND AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES ON THE LIMITATION  
OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS. SO FAR I CAN BUT EXPRESS  
THE HOPE THAT THESE TALKS WILL LEAD TO POSITIVE RESULTS.  
I TRUST YOU ALL UNDERSTAND SINCE WE HAVE ONLY JUST HAD  
ONE MEETING AND THERE ARE MORE TALKS, MORE MEETINGS TO  
COME -- MORE THAN ONE MEETING. THIS IS NOT SECRETARY OF  
STATE VANCE'S FIRST VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION. HE'S BEEN  
HERE BEFORE BUT I DO THINK THAT I WOULD BE VERY CLOSE TO  
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THE TRUTH IF I WERE TO SAY THAT THE RESPONSIBILITIES IN-  
CUMBENT TODAY UPON HIM AND UPON THE SOVIET SIDE MIGHT BE  
GREATER THAN THEY WERE DURING HIS PREVIOUS VISIT TO THIS  
COUNTRY. AND HERE I THINK WE CAN ALL DRAW CONCLUSIONS,  
WHICH I THINK WOULD BE BEST NOT TO GO INTO--CONCLUSIONS  
WHICH ARE PERHAPS UNDERSTOOD BY ALL THOSE HERE TODAY.  
I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ALL MY SOVIET COMRADES TO JOIN ME IN

RAISING OUR GLASSES FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-  
US RELATIONS, TO THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE MR. VANCE,  
AND TO ALL OUR OTHER AMERICAN GUESTS PRESENT AT THIS  
TABLE. TOON

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